

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections -35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, and 17 —20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kang et al. (US Patent 6,498,927) in view of Giebel (US Patent 6073848). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 1, 11, and 18 have been amended to include limitations indicated to be allowable. Applicants believe these and those depend therefrom are allowable.

Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,840,068 in view of Giebel (US Patent 6073848). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended and Applicants believe that amended claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow this application to pass to the issue branch. Please charge any additional fees, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0668. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

/Abdul Zindani/

Abdul Zindani
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 46,091

Texas Instruments Incorporated
P.O. Box 655474, MS 3999
Dallas, TX 75265
(972) 917-5137